

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER
REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

OCTOBER 2007

The Appellate Defender Office (ADO) took in 17 new appeals in October. Four cases have been contracted out because of the high number of dependent/neglect cases being appealed at this time. We are currently awaiting either transcripts or the district court record to be filed before appointment on 11 of these cases.

In October 21 briefs were filed: 10 opening briefs, eight reply briefs and three dependent/neglect briefs.

Briefs filed within ADO by month:

08/2006	5	03/2007	14
09/2006	5	04/2007	18
10/2006	12	05/2007	15
11/2006	15	06/2007	14
12/2006	10	7/2007	18
01/2007	14	8/2007	19
02/2007	12	9/2007	23
		10/2007	21

Due to the JustWare conversion, we are unable to provide the usual information regarding case status.